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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116
GROUP ART UNIT 3616**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of:)
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Robert A. BAKER et al.)
:) Atty. Ref. 115716-00116
Serial Number: 10/044,996)
:) Group Art Unit: 3616
Filed: January 15, 2002)
:) Examiner: Peter C. English
For: ROLL-OVER AIR BAG HAVING)
A REINFORCED PERIMETER SEAL :)
AND ASSOCIATED METHOD FOR)
PRODUCING A FLAT REINFORCED :)
SEAL IN A ROLL-OVER AIR BAG)

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the April 12, 2004, Office Action, kindly enter this paper in the record and amend the above-identified application as follows:

- (1) **Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 3 of this paper;
- (2) **Amendments to the specification** appear beginning on page 7; and
- (3) **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

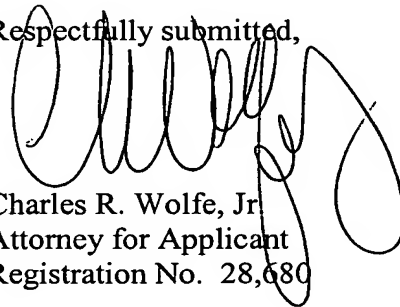
In view of the amendments and accompanying remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Office Action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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In the event that any issues remain that can be overcome most easily through a telephone communication, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (202) 772-5800.

In order to render the filing of this paper timely, filed concurrently herewith is a Petition for a two-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (Atty. Ref. No. 115716-00116) to cover the requisite Petition fee. If the Petition for extension of time is required to render this submission timely and either is not filed concurrently herewith or does not suffice to render this submission timely, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for such an extension for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (Atty. Ref. No. 115716-00116) to cover any requisite fees.

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